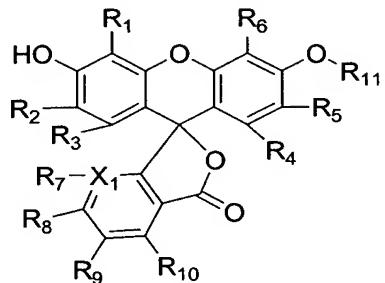


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A compound represented by the formula



(I)

wherein:

R₁, R₂, R₅, R₆, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl having from 1 to 3

carbon atoms, substituted alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, alkenyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted alkenyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, alkynyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted alkynyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted oxygen, substituted nitrogen, and substituted sulfur;

R_7 is absent or selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl and substituted heteroaryl; and

X_1 is carbon or nitrogen;
provided that at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_5 and R_6 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl and substituted heteroaryl.

Claim 2 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein X_1 is carbon, R_7 , R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} are each hydrogen and R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and R_{11} are as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 3 (currently amended). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₁₁ is alkyl or substituted alkyl and two of R₁, R₂, R₅ and R₆ are alkyl or substituted alkyl having between one and twelve carbon atoms and X₁ is carbon.

Claim 4 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₁, R₃, R₄, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are each hydrogen, R₂ and R₅ are each alkyl having 6 carbon atoms, R₁₁ is ethyl and X₁ is carbon.

Claim 5 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₁, R₃, R₄, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are each hydrogen, R₂ and R₅ are each alkyl having 3 carbon atoms, R₁₁ is benzyl and X is carbon.

Claim 6 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₁, R₃, R₄, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are each hydrogen, R₂ and R₅ are each benzyl, R₁₁ is -CH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, and X₁ is carbon.

Claim 7 (original). A color imaging member comprising a first image-forming layer including a compound according to Claim 1, said compound being in the crystalline form.

Claim 8 (original). The imaging member as defined in Claim 7 and further including a substrate and at least a second color-forming layer, said second color-forming

layer being capable of forming a color different from that formed by said first color-forming layer.

Claim 9 (original). The imaging member as defined in Claim 8 and further including a third color-forming layer, said third color-forming layer being capable of forming a color different from those formed by said first and second color-forming layers.

Claim 10 (original). The imaging member as defined in Claim 9 wherein said color-forming layers form magenta, cyan and yellow color, respectively.

Claim 11 (original). An imaging method comprising
(a) providing an imaging member as defined in
Claim 7; and

(b) converting at least a portion of said compound to the liquid form in an imagewise pattern whereby an image is formed.

Claim 12 (original). The method as defined in Claim 11 wherein step(b) comprises applying an imagewise pattern of thermal energy to said imaging member whereby at least a portion of said compound is converted to the liquid form and an image is formed.

Claim 13 (original). The imaging method as defined in Claim 12 wherein said imaging member further includes a substrate and at least a second color-forming layer, said second color-forming layer being capable of forming

a color different from that formed by said first color-forming layer.

Claim 14 (original). The imaging method as defined in Claim 13 wherein said imaging member further includes a third color-forming layer, said third color-forming layer being capable of forming a color different from those formed by said first and second color-forming layers.

Claim 15 (original). The imaging method as defined in Claim 14 wherein said color-forming layers form magenta, cyan and yellow color, respectively.